

CITY SG July 12-13, 2025

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: soft playground ball

What You Do:

- Welcome kids with a high five or a fist bump as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Choose a kid to start.
- Toss the ball to that kid and ask a “This or That” question below.
- Invite the kid who catches the ball to answer the question.
- Direct the kid who catches the ball to come up with a “This or That” question to ask the kid they choose to toss the ball to.
- Repeat the process until every kid gets a turn to ask and answer a question.
- Use the suggestions below if the kids are stumped on what to ask!

This or That Questions:

- Ice cream cone or popsicle?
- Water balloon fight or play in the sprinklers?
- Ride a bike or go roller skating?
- Catch a fish or catch a firefly?
- Campfire s'mores or campfire hot dogs?
- Build a sandcastle or collect seashells?

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Hidden Gem Review

What You Need: “Story Questions” Activity Page (one per group), and “Gems” Cards (one set per group)

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Explain how to play:
 - Kids are to work together with their team to answer questions from the Bible Story and accumulate as many gems cards as possible.
 - The team with the most gems at the end of the game wins!
- Ask a Bible Story question aloud from the “Story Questions” Activity Page for both groups to hear.
- Instruct the groups to discuss their answers silently so that others can't hear them.
- Once a group has determined an answer, invite them to share it with you by raising their hands.
- If both teams answer correctly, give them each a gem.
- If only one team answers correctly, give just that team a gem.
- If both teams guess incorrectly, reveal the answer and move on to the next question.
- Continue until all the Bible Story questions have been answered.
- Count the gems collected by each team and declare a winner!
- Say, “Prayer is a conversation we get to have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything! Feeling sad? You can ask God to comfort you. Have a big soccer game coming up? Ask God to help you be brave. The cool thing about prayer is that we can pray for others too! And things happen!”

2. Postcard Prayers

What You Need: "Camp Prayers" Postcards (two cards per kid), markers, and pens

What You Do:

- Place the "Camp Prayers" Activity Pages and coloring supplies in the center of your group.
- Invite the kids to select two postcards: one for the activity and one to set aside for later.
- Explain to the kids that they will be making prayer postcards to share with others!
- Encourage the kids to think about someone they would like to pray for this week.
 - *This could be a family member, a friend, a teacher, or anyone who comes to mind!*
- Give each kid a pen (or pencil).
- Direct the kids to fill in the blanks on the postcard with the person's name who came to mind.
- Instruct the kids to decorate their postcards with markers.
- Encourage the kids to give their camp postcard to that person this week and to complete the other postcard for someone else next week!
- Say, "God's answers won't always be big and dramatic like an angel. If you pray for a friend who is sick, God may simply give them peace and patience while they heal. No matter what, we can trust that God hears us!"

3. Memory Verse Pass

What You Need: Bibles, and soft playground ball

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to join you sitting in a circle.
- Review the memory verse, "*Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had.*" Romans 15:5
- Use the soft playground ball to practice the Memory Verse with your group.
- Explain that you will begin with the first word of Romans 15:5 and then pass the ball to another kid in the circle to repeat the second word.
- Continue this rotation until the verse is complete. Repeat the verse several times or until every kid gets a turn to say a word. Try having the kids toss the ball across as they play.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)
- "Dear God, thank You for loving us more than we could ever imagine! Thank You for always listening to our prayers when we worship, when we speak to You, and when we write or doodle to You too. The fact that You can listen to all of our prayers at the same time reminds me just how amazing You truly are. As we head into a new week, please guide us through Your Spirit to live like Jesus in the world around us. Help us to be bold and **pray for one another** this week. Thank You for letting us be a part of Your big story! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share their postcard prayers.